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### **Purpose and Audience:**

The Colorado Department of Health Care Policy & Financing (Department) invites the public to comment on proposed waiver amendments to the following Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waivers: Persons with Brain Injury (BI), Children's Extensive Support (CES), Children's Home and Community-Based Services (CHCBS), Children's Habilitation Residential Program (CHRP), Children with Life Limiting Illness (CLLI), Community Mental Health Supports (CMHS), Developmental Disabilities (DD), Elderly, Blind, and Disabled (EBD), Persons with Spinal Cord Injury (SCI), and Supported Living Services (SLS).

### **Information:**

The Department intends to submit the amendments to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on September 18, 2019. The Department will request an effective date of January 1, 2020 for all amendments.

The proposed waiver amendments include the following changes:

- Add the Division of Housing (DOH) as oversight for Home Accessibility Adaptations (CES, SLS)
- Add the DOH as oversight for Individual Residential Services and Supports (IRSS) (DD)
- Add the Case Management Agency (CMA) Broker as a contracted entity (CES, CHRP, DD, SLS)
- Update the Interagency Agreement (IA) with the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (CDPHE) (DD)
- Increase number of participants served (DD)
- Update eligibility language (CES)
- Update provider qualifications (DD, CES, CHRP, SLS)
- Add a new provider type (CHRP)
- Correct a citation (BI)
- Revise Residential Habilitation Support Service (RHSS) service definition (DD)
- Clarifying roles in the investigation of Critical Incident Reports (CIRs) (CES, CHRP, DD, SLS)
- Update Post Payment Review (PPR) language (BI, CHCBS, CLLI, EBD, SCI)
- Update to include the standard for substantiating incidents of Mistreatment, Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation (MANE) (DD)
- Alignment of rate methodology language (CES, CHRP, DD, SLS)
- Update the Unit for BI-Independent Living Skills Training (ILST) and SLS-Life Skills Training (LST) (BI, SLS)
- Add language for Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) implementation (all waivers)
- Update Cost Neutrality Projections according to Targeted Rate Increases (TRI), Across the Board (ATB) Rate Increases, and for SB19-238 (BI, CES, CHCBS, CHRP, CLLI, CMHS, DD, EBD, SCI, SLS)

For a more detailed summary of all changes, please go to the Department's website at <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/hcbs-waiver-transition> to view a summary of each of these changes and the full draft waiver amendments. You may also obtain a paper or electronic copy by calling 303-866-3684 or by writing or visiting the Department at 1570 Grant St, Denver, CO 80203.

The public comment period is open for 30 days, from August 15 through September 13, 2019.

Comments should be submitted to the Department through the following routes:

- By Email: [LTSS.PublicComment@state.co.us](mailto:LTSS.PublicComment@state.co.us)
- By Phone: 303-866-3684
- By US Mail: Attention: HCBS Waiver Amendments, 1570 Grant Street, Denver, CO 80203
- By Fax: Attention: HCBS Waiver Amendments 303-866-2786

**Attachment(s):**

None

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